



WASHINGTON GT MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
12, 2016

APPROVED DATE: Oct.

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1st Amy Thomas 2nd Amy

Jones

Interim Secretary: Kim Olds

Date: September 14, 2016

Location: Washington GT Elementary School, Media Center

Presiding: Leigh Hines

Call to Order: 9:34 a.m.

In Attendance: Kristen Beck, Jessica Dixon, Stephany Enders, Julie von Haefen, Leigh Hines, Amy Jones, Mandy Joyner, Emily King, Manjri Lall, Emily Melton, Kim Olds, Veena Shanmugham, Melissa Tanner, Amy Thomas

Approval of Minutes: Emily King motioned to approve, Veena Shanmugham seconded. Minutes from August 9, 2016, meeting approved.

Reports:

Administration: Principal Bob Grant

1. SIP Flight Plan: visual plan of school's improvement plan and how it combines with school-wide improvement - to exceed growth. Acronym: FLY (F: Focus on instructional strategies; L: Learn in a safe and inclusive environment; Y: Yield positive relationships and behavior)
 - growth of students
 - increase performance for all students (i.e. African Americans; disability; Latino)
 - Supporting students with vocabulary
 - Formative Assessment
 - Class Dojo - What is it being used for? Different uses for each teacher
2. How to support parents for evening events?
 - After Care for Open House
3. Digital Learning Academy:
 - engage families that may be on the margin;

- 7 sessions
 - not a big connection with school (Spanish speaking families; free meal families)
 - free dinners
 - free refurbished computer
4. Create a dynamic learning environment: different learning spaces for kids
 5. 612 students this school year
 - Higher % of base students
 - Higher % of magnet applications
 - Washington is not eligible for Title 1 benefits; more applications to this magnet school than any other.
 6. Issues: Walk-up; car-pool
 - Suggestions?

Faculty Representative: Liz Harder

No report.

Treasurer: Veena Shanmugham

1. Ms. Terashima: Birthday Book
 - \$15: with dedicated book label
 - Expense Item for \$100
2. Board approved budget to be presented to General Meeting

Vice President: Emily King

- Room parents
- Training for MemberHub
- Trying to get more volunteers to sign up for committees
- Send out an email to everyone in each committee to see if they are still interested

- Special Education Committee: (Mandy Joyner is a member and is here at meeting)
 - Updating information for Mr. Griddly
 - Washington has been chosen for UNC site for autistic students
 - Buddy Bench

Audit: Jessica Dixon

- Audit was done in August
 - Shows carry over funds of 10%, which is not accurate as we will always have a balance and this is a non-profit organization.

Communications & Recognition: Emily Melton

- Every board member, in attendance, signed Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics forms.

- First newsletter will be going home September 26
 - email to board by September 19
 - every other Monday newsletter will go out - called Wizard Words
 1. Deadline for newsletter submissions is the previous Monday before newsletter is disbursed

School Advocacy: Amy Thomas

- Standing Committee meeting on 9/13
 - Great meeting

- New PTA members joined
- Discussed all committees and their duties

Events: Amy Jones

- Open House
- Fall Picnic:
 - October 13, changed from Friday to Thursday
 - Stephanie Williard needs co-chair
 - Is fun run going to be a part of picnic? Organized by Kim Bush, NC State Parks and Recs Instructor; is this going to be yearly event - get staff involved.
 - Moe's & Pelicans are food vendors
- Cultural Arts: **Manjri Lall:**
 - attended booking fair with Ms. Drum
 - Shannon Newby (coral designer) will be coming (where will installation go)
 - Writer in residence will be coming
 - Bright Star Theater will be here for Arts & Letters Night (Nov.18)
 - Reflections
 - Students will portray their talents through music, art, dance,
 - will talk about it tomorrow for parents
- Science Fair - committee to include staff and parents; get with Mr. Grant to figure out the logistics
- Spelling Bee: waiting for CRF

Ways & Means: Kim Olds

The following was reported by chairs of committees:

- **Membership: Jessica Dixon**

- 72 members currently
- We will try to recruit members at Open House
- **Wizard Wear: Amy Thomas**
 - Use same vendor as last year; order by Nov. 18
 - Discussion about different colored t-shirts - some for, some against
- **Shining Star: Julie von Haefen**
 - Sept. 26-Oct. 28
 - Classroom competition still being decided
 - Communication being vamped out
 - Holler-for-a-Dollar separate from shining stars - to possibly be done at the Fall Picnic
- **Special Event Fundraising for Open House: Leigh Hines**
 - Pizza for open house is coming along.

New Business/President's Report: Leigh Hines

- Nominating Committee
 - Secretary needed: Dee will be leaving school
- MemberHub Status/Sponsorship
 - now have \$1500
 - \$1000 for headline sponsor
 - Now have 3 sponsors:
 - Walton, Maready & Goeckner Orthodontics
 - Riccobene Dental
 - J.D. Byrider
 - First flyer will go out on Monday, September 19
 - Will discuss at Open House

- Jelly Beans
 - Need people to help (easy for busy parents to help)
 - Elaine Zu expressed help.
 - Dates: November 5th is possible
 - Cost: \$5
 - Usually 100 students participate
- Chairs of committees should clean up the volunteer list by contacting persons to make certain they are still interested.

Old Business

- Review of proposed budget
 - Finalized for General meeting on 9-15

Announcements

- Next Meeting: October 12, 2016

Meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.